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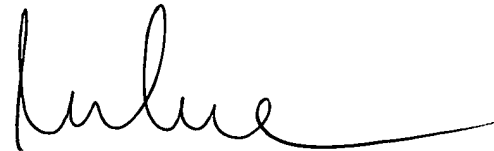
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Applicants' request for complete Office Action and reset of response due date filed 05/21/2004 has been DENIED.

The Application has been requested for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 dated 01/30/2004. Since the box of Enclosed Amendment/Reply (box 1. b.) has been checked and the Applicants fails to mark box Previously submitted Consider the amendment(S)/reply under 37C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed (box 1. a.) , the amendment after final is not automatically entered; therefore, the Office Action dated 04/08/2004 does not consider the 12/03/2003 Amendment (amendment after final). In addition, it should be noted that in the advisory office action dated 12/29/2003, box 7 has been stated that For purpose of Appeal, the proposed amendment will be entered (emphasis added); therefore, the amendment dated 12/03/2003 has not entered yet as stated in the office action dated 04/08/2004.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-2297. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert H. Kim can be reached on 571-272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



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